

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAMAMOTO, Hiroshi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1744

Serial No.: **10/715,126**

Examiner: **David A. Redding**

Filed: **November 18, 2003**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 2760

For: **Incubator**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 8, 2005

Sir:

In accordance with the duty to disclose information pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the US Patent and Trademark Office of the document(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. A copy of every document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is attached.

English-language abstracts are submitted for the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 on lines AH and AI.

A PCT publication is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 on line AF. The PCT publication listed on line AF corresponds to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 on line AG.

09/09/2005 SZEWDIE1 00000082 10715126

01 FC:1806

180.00 0P

U.S. Serial No.: 10/715,126

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage for the above-captioned application, but prior to the mailing date of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. A check is attached hereto which covers the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

The submission of the listed document(s) is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being presented so that the US Patent and Trademark Office may determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the document(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

U.S. Serial No.: 10/715,126

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the US Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS,
HANSON & BROOKS, LLP

Darren R. Crew
Darren R. Crew
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 37,806

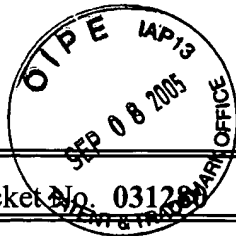
DRC/llf
Atty. Docket No. 031280
Suite 1000
1725 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 659-2930



23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Enclosures: PTO-1449 and references (4)
Check for \$ 180.00



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION PTO-1449	Atty. Docket No. 031280	Serial No. 10/715,126
	Applicant(s): YAMAMOTO, Hiroshi, et al.	
	Filing Date: November 18, 2003	Group Art Unit: 1744

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Name	Date	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If appropriate)
_____	AA					
_____	AB					
_____	AC					
_____	AD					
_____	AE					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
_____ AF WO 00/53720	09/14/2000	PCT	
_____ AG 2002-538477	11/12/2002	Japan	Corresponds to document on line AF
_____ AH 2003-21628	01/24/2003	Japan	Abstract
_____ AI 2003-093041	04/02/2003	Japan	Abstract
_____ AJ			

OTHER DOCUMENTS

_____	AK	
_____	AL	
Examiner _____ Date Considered _____		